

## ***Unidentified Mother and Child in Mariupol***

*Al Salehi*

Pelvis crushed, hip detached;  
they tell her that her baby may die.  
She cries out, "Kill me now!"  
30 minutes of resuscitation later,  
delivered by cesarean, both of them:  
dead (asleep).

*Call it.*  
Time of death:  
zero-days.  
The war,  
in its infancy:  
19-days.

Moments later,  
a slivered lining  
as doctors proclaim a brightside:  
*"At least  
they didn't end up  
in a mass grave."*<sup>1</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> *In March of 2022, A wounded pregnant woman who was taken on a stretcher from a maternity hospital in Mariaoul, Ukraine, that was bombed by Russia, died along with her baby.*